

Correspondence and Postal Reports.

A SURPRISE.

On Saturday March 24th, at 1 o'clock p. m., a number of brethren and sisters met at the Rising Sun S. H. in council, and to make some preparation for a pleasant Easter Sunday. It was decided to effect a church organization here, on what is known as "The West Side," in the near future. This was a wing of the Lathrop congregation, and it is with the consent of said congregation, that this work is done. Eld. C. E. Doty, Bro. T. S. Gordon, and Sister H. E. Beer, were chosen as delegates to represent this branch of the church in the Annual Conference of the Brethren churches of California.

On Easter Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m., our usual hour for Sunday school, we had a large and respectable attendance, at the same place, to attend what was called "Children's Day." The exercises consisted of recitations, music, and a review of the Sunday school lessons for the first quarter of 1894. After the services, there was prepared a fine Easter dinner, which all enjoyed; most of the attendants enjoyed, not only the feast, but all the services.

And now for our surprise. Your correspondent's birthday was March 26th. This became known; and a number of brethren and sisters, friends and neighbors, assembled at our residence, at about 1 o'clock p. m., of said day, wishing him a happy birthday and many of them. Sister Beer was a participant, also, in the expressions and manifestations of kindness and good will. After enjoying a pleasant season, they placed two chairs near the middle of a room, and asked Sister Beer and myself to be seated thereon. This being done, they began to bring in sacks of flour, and meat, and tin cans, and glass jars and bottles all filled with things edible. When we were thus hemmed in with gifts, and surrounded by the givers, Bro. Doty made a short but decisive presentation speech. To this I responded by saying that we were doubly grateful to our friends for their kindness to us; and to our Heavenly Father, for giving us such friends to remember us and to bestow such gifts upon us. My wife quoted a part of Acts xx, 35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive;" and expressed a hope, that, in this case, the givers would be fully rewarded.

Next, some of the party took charge of our kitchen and dining room, and prepared a rich feast, to which we were all invited, and of which, after thanks and prayer, we all partook, enjoying, not only the food, but each other's society. The names of those who were present are, Sister Phebe Brown, Bro. C. E. Doty, Sister Annie and Miss Ruth Doty, Mr. Marion and Mrs. Sadie Cowell, Bro. Victor and Sister Annie Gilliam, Sister Lulu and Master Larson, West-side, Sister Anna and

Sister Ada Carpenter, Sister Birdie Sperry, Sister Alice and Miss Christine Meyer, Mr. C. R., Sister Sadie R., and Miss Rae Rua Russel (our little grand-daughter) This introduces my age. When they inquired after my age, I gave it to them in this problem;—"Add nothing (0) to my age, subtract 500 from the am't., and the remainder will be 60." A few were successful in the solution.

In conclusion, we pray and hope that God will continue to bless the charitable and liberal people of the West-Side; and will say to all who care to know, that we have concluded and arranged to make our temporal home within 1½ miles of Vernalis, California.

Your Bro. and Sister,
J. W. and H. E. BEER.

LIVA LIGHTY WRITES UP FALLS CITY CHURCH.

FALLS CITY, NEB., April 3, 1894.

MR. EDITOR:—We go to the Silver Creek church. This church is four miles north of Falls City, in the south-east corner of the state. The membership is large and increasing. You heard of a revival conducted for us by Brother McFadden last winter, and one by Brother Cashor, a year ago. As long as we retain wide-awake and energetic Brother Burnworth for pastor, no doubt we will have special services every year. I can say that our lay members give loyal support to their pastor. A weekly prayer meeting has been kept up during the winter; and this is saying a great deal, when we consider that many of our people live three, four and even six miles from church. We have Sunday school all the year, and use our own church literature. The pastor, is superintendent, and Brother Lambert Slegle is secretary. We sang from the Hymnody some years ago, and then quite a while from the Gospel Hymns. Now we are using Excel's triumphant songs.

Thursday we have a business meeting, when we hope to arrange to send our pastor two hundred miles west to Smith county, Kansas, to organize a church for a number that formerly resided here.

Our aged Brother—George had the misfortune to lose his house by fire last week. Grand pa Messler, a good patient Christian and very old, died last Sunday. We think we know what it is to have a good sexton for a meeting house. When we arrive there cold, it is encouraging to find it warm, well lighted and well dusted. We value a reliable sexton next to the pastor. Brother B. F. Slegle has given us fifteen months good service, and now Bro. Arch. Cook seems to be doing fully as well. Bro. W. J. H. Bauman preached for us a few Sundays ago. Last Sunday a seven-day Advent neighbor who was present was asked to speak. He preached on "The Love of God to Man." Our collection, which generally is a few dollars, is usually paid to the visiting speaker. Papa has a great deal of writing to do, so he

said I should write a letter every month for the EVANGELIST. I feel very young for this work, but I will try to do it. Yours truly,

LIVA LIGHTY.

GOD CURES A CONSUMPTIVE.

LAPAZ, IND., Mar. 27, 1894.

BRETHREN EVANGELIST:—At two o'clock p. m. on the 21st inst., a meeting was held at the home of Mr. James Willis, whose wife is sick with consumption. Elder I. W. Miller, of South Bend, preached at the W. M. church last Monday evening. Mrs. Willis sent for Brother Miller and asked to be received into the Brethren church. She had been a member of the G. B. church. About a dozen of us met at her house and had a glorious meeting. Sister Willis was received into the church, and afterwards, anointed according to James v, 14, 15, by Brother Miller and the writer. The Sister manifested strong faith in the promises of God, and felt much better. She has been gaining strength steadily ever since. She is able to walk around in the house a part of the time which she was not able to do for several weeks. On last Sabbath evening, we held a blessed communion service at her house, according to her request. Eleven members communed, and we all felt that the Lord was with us. We began the meeting at half past five p. m. and closed promptly at half past six p. m. Brother Miller had to go to the Buffalo school house from here, where he had an appointment at half past seven p. m. The writer accompanied him.

The "saints," as they call themselves tried very hard to keep the above named sister out of the Brethren church. They claimed that we interfered with their work, which is not true. The Sister sent for Brother Miller, as she did not wish to unite with the so called "saints."

Brother Miller had a very successful meeting, five miles west of Plymouth, at the Butt's school house, where he received twenty-two into the Brethren church. Three by relation and nineteen by confession and baptism. He will begin a meeting on next Monday evening at the Boyd school house, not far from the above named place. Seven came forward on the evening he closed the meeting. He had to fill his regular appointment. We pray that he may succeed in winning many more souls for Christ in that vicinity.

JACOB ROTHENBERGER.

A VISIT TO THE DIVINE HEALING TABERNACLE.

LANARK, ILL., April 7, 1894.

Having had an earnest desire to see with our own eyes and hear for ourselves the Rev. J. A. Dowie, and being in the city of Chicago we made our way to the "Divine Healing Tabernacle," near the World's Fair grounds. When we entered, the house was already filled, however we managed to secure a seat on the steps of the platform. We were especially interested because Brother

and Sister Harrison's son Homer, who had been given up to the sure and awful ravages of death, was now, through the power of God—manifested through Rev. Dowie—being restored to health.

Rev. Dowie's sermon was long, logical, forcible and scriptural. The ground he took and held with a mighty grip is what we have held to as being possible, now among God's faithful and obedient children. "I will" was his text, and he tried to show to his hearers first, that God was willing to heal and save now as well as ever. "He is just the same today." Second—that God did not give you the la grip, cancer, small pox, etc., but that it was the devil. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, and disease was one of his works. God has no cancers, no small pox, no typhoid fever.

The Rev. gentlemen preaches salvation for the soul first and then the body. In our opinion this is the proper conception to take upon salvation. A complete salvation. A salvation that saves one now and in the world to come. Christ has plainly and emphatically promised to destroy all enemies of man, and these bodily ailments are very great and sore enemies. The aim and purpose as it seemed to us, was for Mr. Dowie to magnify God—Christ, to warn man to flee from sin, and tenaciously cling to Christ. And if the doctor succeeds in curing Homer, after being abandoned by the best physicians of Chicago as beyond recovery, —and it now appears to point in that direction, we know of two who will have faith in the healing power of Jesus—Bro. and Sister Harrison.

Z. T. LIVENGOD.

ALL THE MEMBERS VISITED.

NORTH LIBERTY OHIO, April 10, 1894.

The church here had her quarterly council meeting March 29. Previous to the meeting we aimed to visit all the members and all seemed to be in the faith and ready and determined more than I have ever seen them to work and go on in the good cause. We appointed a Lovefeast to be held May 18 to which we imitate all the Brethren and Sisters. Come and be with us. We also elected a delegate to District meeting.

Yours Frat.,

JESSE CALVERT.

DIVERSE ITEMS.

Mar. 12, 1894.

EDITOR:—This is a postal report from Bethel, Cass Co., Mich. S. S. opened April 1st, with a full corps of teachers. On April the 8th, there were eighty present; collection for S. S., about 80 cts. The writer went across the country about twenty-five miles to his appointment at Alma, Vanburen Co. preached two sermons. S. S. and Baptized three; had social or class meeting in the evening after preaching. Altogether had a very enjoyable and good time. S. S. preaching at Bethel, April 15th. come one, come all.

WALTER CLARK.